

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1003 (Sub-No. 1X)

7 January 2011

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on December 21, 2010 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 3 environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. **Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**
2. **Prior to beginning any salvage activities, Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the implementation, if appropriate, of measures to minimize any adverse impacts on fish and wildlife resources.**
3. **Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. (MCR) shall report any releases of petroleum products, hazardous materials, or chemicals that may impact human health or the environment which are discovered in the project area during abandonment and salvage operations to the North Dakota Department of Health. MCR shall follow Best Management Practices during salvage activities to prevent dirt, construction debris, and waste material from entering a storm drainage system or water body.**

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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